

BETT Show 2013

Central feature

Thanks for being part of our **Central Feature Team** at this year's show.

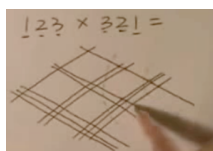
On our big feature stand, we have a lot going on and hopefully you will be involved in most or all of it. Many of the surfaces on the stand can be written on (prototype paint from our Spanish pals!) - some walls, some furniture, some glass - and it is very much your space to use for our planned activities. This is a short list of the things we will be doing together. Some of you have already prepared one of two of these things, so everyone will be good at something, but no one is good at everything (yet!):



BETT Radio - we have our own iPad driven radio station, and many of the activities below will involve talking to BETT guests and exhibitors on the radio - many of you will be involved with this. This is all led by Georgia.



Old maths technology - we have all sorts of old maths objects: slide rules, comptometers, ancient calculators, abacuses and more. We are going to be asking BETT guests and exhibitors (especially maybe the old ones!) to explain how these all worked - sometimes, if they are good at explaining, we will get them to explain on radio too.



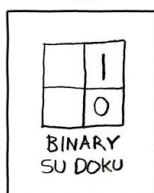
Other people's maths - you can "pay back" the BETT guests and exhibitors for their help with our old maths technology by showing them how other people do maths - we will be showing Japanese maths tricks and Ethiopian maths, and maybe others too - someone will show you how to do this first!



How the Internet works! - our partners on the central feature this year are Netgear who make much of the hardware that WiFi, the Internet and the WWW use. Their equipment is set in a large wall which we can write on and each day you will be writing on the wall to explain what each bit does - we will also be showing the route followed when you go to a server somewhere else in the world. And maybe some other geeky things too! Netgear folk and others will help you with this, but not do it for you!



Maker fest! - everyone is very excited about making and creating with computer technology, rather than just using it - us too! On the stand we have lots of Raspberry Pis, MakeyMakey kits and more and there will be programming, making, and wiring fun going on all show - we have some fab folk to help you with this - led by Tom.



Binary maths - everyone on the stand will be wearing our black central feature (smart!) shirts. Each shirt has a **1** or a **0** on the front and we will be doing some fun things with binary maths - using you all as numbers.



GPS pictures - a challenge for everyone on the Central Feature will be to try to "draw" a picture by walking in a large "shape" and using GPS to trace the route. Harry is our lead on this, but everyone should get a chance to do it, in groups.

There will be the usual range of visitors too - but including ministers and media - so it looks like being an exciting time together. See you all very soon!